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## **Navy Command Counselor Receives Gold Star**

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Senior Chief Navy Counselor (Surface and Air Warfare-qualified) Tod A. Shuls was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal in recognition of implementing an aggressive career information program that resulted in USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) receipt of the 1999 Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award.

While assigned as the command career counselor to Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. Seventh Fleet, Shuls served as the only Navy counselor for the Tarawa-class amphibious assault ship BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3), San Diego, Calif., and the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS ESSEX (LHD 2), Sasebo, Japan. He served a crew of 1,200 Sailors from June 1998 to May 2001.

He directly contributed to the expansion of inport duty sections, while serving as the watch bill coordinator. According to the award citation from Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet, Rear Adm. P. S. Schultz, "the expansions Shuls made greatly improving quality of life."

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Additionally Shuls' diligent efforts and leadership, as part of the damage control training team, ensured the success of command assessment of Readiness and Training II.

Shuls received a gold star in lieu of his third award.

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